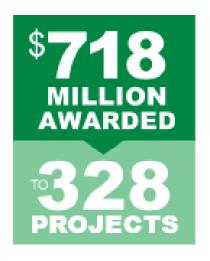


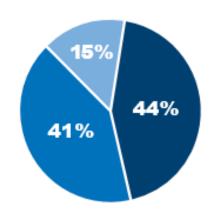
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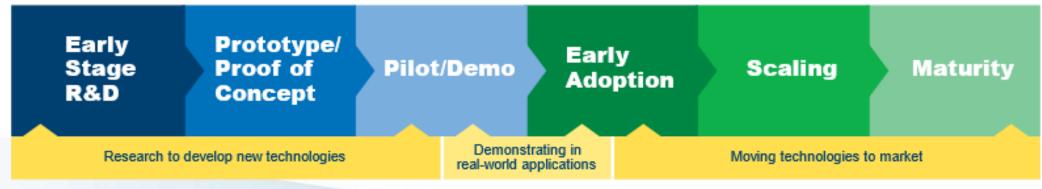




#### 2012-2020

#### Funding Distribution by Area

- Applied Research & Development
- Technology Demonstrations & Development
- Market Facilitation







2009 - 2015

2015 - 2019

2018 - 2023

Early Stage Microgrid
Development

Overcoming Integration
Challenges

Developing Commercialization
Pathways

- Developed approaches to integrating multiple DERs
- Supported controller development

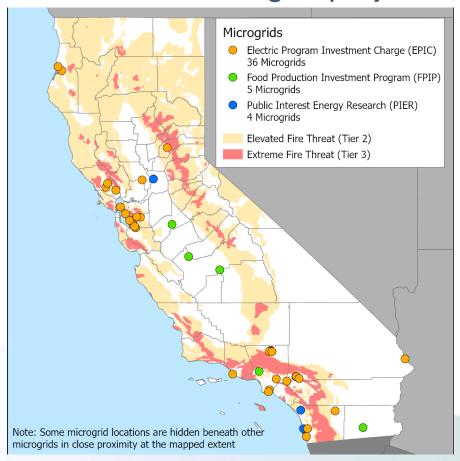
- Demonstrated resiliency value for critical facilities
- Integrated large number of resources
- Refined controller designs

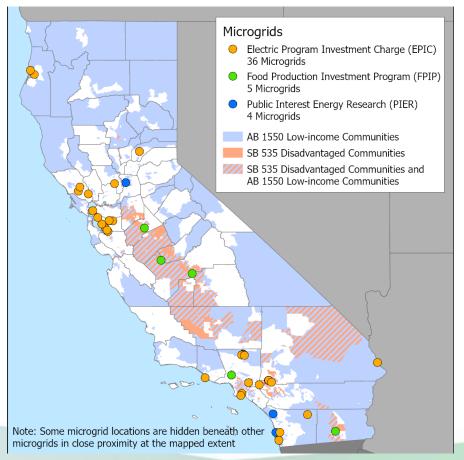
 Creating business plans and commercialization pathways for microgrids in California





### 34 microgrid projects - \$91M invested - \$75M match





## A Diverse Portfolio



### Microgrid Sizes\*

#### Small (Under 1000 kW)

**Public institutions** 

Commercial

Fire Stations

Hospital

#### Medium (1000 kW - 5000 kW)

Campus

Airports

Ports

#### Large (5000 kW - 20,000 kW)

Industrial

Utility/Community





**DC** Coupled







\*Total inverter size

## A Diverse Portfolio



**Critical Facilities** 



Shelter



**Fire Stations** 



**Waste Water Treatment Plant** 



**Medical Center** 



City Hall, Police HQ, and **Community Centers** 



**Airport** 

#### **Ports**



Military

CAMP PARKS





### **Communities**







Industrial



Digester



**Distribution Center** 

# Community Microgrid at Blue Lake Rancheria



### **Microgrid Design**

Solar: 420 kW AC PV ground-mounted array

Energy Storage: 500 kW / 950 kWh lithium-ion battery storage

Software & Controls: Siemens Spectrum Power 7 Microgrid Management System and Schweitzer

**Engineering Laboratories Protection Relays** 

Other Infrastructure: Purchased distribution system infrastructure to create a new point of common

coupling with the grid, integrating six buildings into the microgrid behind one electric meter

Technology Integration: The Schatz Energy Research Center at Humboldt State University

### **UNIQUE PROJECT ASPECTS**

- ✓ American Red Cross shelter
- ✓ Successfully islanded during several unplanned utility outages due to weather and nearby wildfires
- ✓ Can deploy five levels of load shedding depending on the outage and system conditions
- √ Achieving cost savings: 58% overall energy













### **Microgrid Design**

Solar: 38 kW solar PV at Fire Station 11, 43 kW each at Fire Stations 6 and 7

**Energy Storage:** 110 kWh li-ion battery storage at each

**Software & Controls:** Gridscape Solutions' cloud-based predictive distributed energy resource

management software (DERMS) and energy management system – EnergyScope

**Technology Integration:** Gridscape Solutions

### **UNIQUE PROJECT ASPECTS**

- ✓ Displaces diesel generation and extends fuel reserves in emergency, keeping the fire station online longer as a viable first responder
- ✓ System design refined over deployments.
- ✓ Demonstrated more than 10 hours of islanding capability
- √ Gridscape expanding to other communities













### **Humboldt State Univeristy**

- Collaborative design and operation
  - RCEA 2.2MW PV & 2.2MW/8.8 MWh storage (CAISO participation) & 320 KW PV (reduces airport electricity bill)
  - PG&E FTM microgrid
- Community-scale system multiple customers, including USCG
   Air Station
- Create experimental tariffs/agreements for fair allocation of costs & compensation of third party generator
- Participate in CAISO wholesale market
- Create a replicable business model









CEC: \$5M

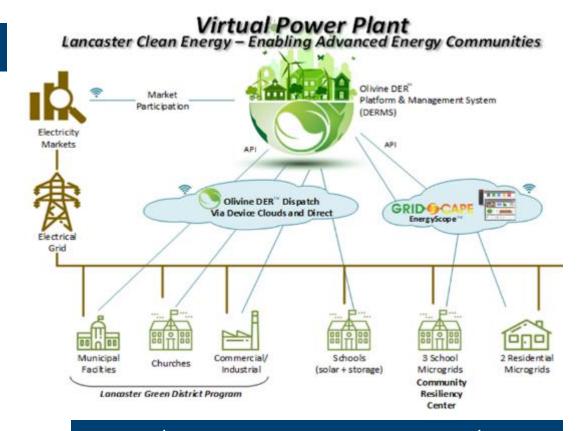
**Match: \$6.3M** 

# Lancaster Advanced Energy Community



### Zero Net Energy (ZNE) Alliance

- Developing a virtual power plant of connected DERs
  - 5 MW PV & 10 MWh storage
- 2 ZNE affordable housing developments
  - 70 unit 780 KWh Li-ion
  - 164 unit 500 KWh flywheel
- 3 school microgrids
- Partner with Lancaster Green District to deploy more BTM storage



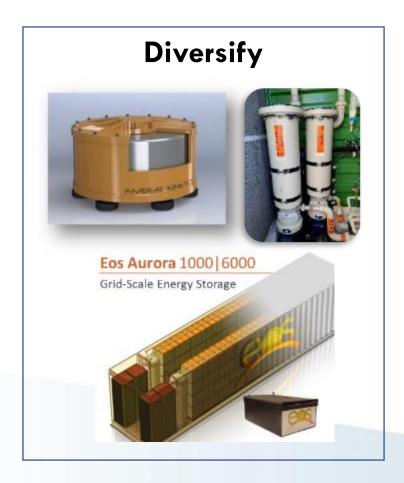
**CEC:** \$5.0M

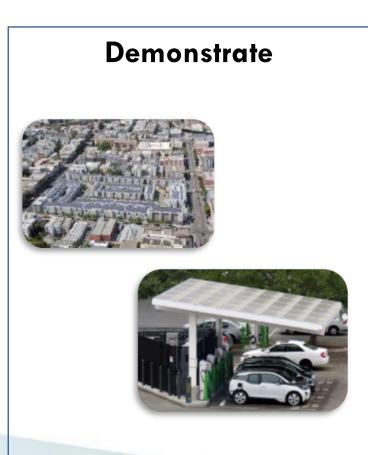
Match: \$5.7M



# Energy Storage Research – A Critical Microgrid Enabler









## Policy Efforts for Microgrid Commercialization

- Senate Bill 1339 (2018) requires CPUC to:
  - "take action to help transition the microgrid from its current status as a promising emerging technology solution to a successful, cost-effective, safe, and reliable commercial product that helps California meet its future energy goals and provides end-use electricity customers new ways to manage their individual energy needs"
- Rulemaking Proceeding R.19-09-009
  - Track 1: Short-term actions focused on PSPS support (complete)
  - Track 2: Evaluating rule changes and tariff options (in progress)
  - Track 3: Ongoing collaboration and future resiliency planning



## Questions

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